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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, the International Search Report, and the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/009258, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Examination Report were enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on January 24, 2006. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the

documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-253251, together with an English language abstract of the same and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,279,314;

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. HEI 5-70520, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-425, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-33043, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-10272, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-502908, together with an English language abstract of the same and patent family member International Patent Publication No. WO 93/04641; and

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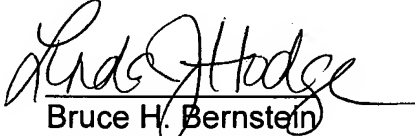
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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